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(FNU) SALVAT
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBASID/KSR
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Rebulets 1/18/60 and 1/20/60; Miami airtel to Bureau dated 1/29/60, entitled JORGE RAFAEL COSTAS Y RODRIGUEZ, aka; JOSE ANTONIO RAFAEL ALEJANDRO SALVAT Y ROMAGUERA - IS-CUBA; RA - CUBA; ESPIONAGE.

Referenced letters advised [undated message from Cuban Consulate, Miami, to Cuban Foreign Ministry, Havana, for delivery to PEPIN SANCHEZ] indicated possibility CASTRO agent had infiltrated anti-CASTRO group in Florida, and was assisting in organization of group, was short of money, and group would start operating upon receipt of [800 pesos] requested of "Office of the Commander," for equipment and expenses. [Message] indicated organization has 70 airplanes and wanted [100]. Planes reportedly are located as follows: [30] in the [Dominican Republic]; [15] in [Guatemala] and [Mexico] and [20 to 30] in [the United States]. The message closed with [the statement, "This is the blonde replying."]

A previous [message from SANCHEZ to Cuban Consulate Miami] for (FNU) SALVAT indicated that, ["Friend A"] was

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- (1 - 97-312 - Jose Pepin Sanchez)
- (1 - 105-1742 - Anti-Castro Activities)
- (1 - 105-1998 - Cuban Intelligence Activities in U.S.)
- (1 - 105-2282 - Jorge Costas y Rodriguez)
- (1 - 134-394 - John Ek)
- (1 - 105-1747 - Cuban Political Activities)
- (1 - 64-178 - Matthew E. Duke)
- (1 - 134-390 - Ed Whitehouse)
- (1 - 105-2238 - Robert Spinning)

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working hard and financial arrangements had been completed for trip to Cuba by this individual. Message requested instructions on "ORTA" case.] (TS) (S)

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In connection with the above, the Miami Office has under investigation a case, in which a report is in dictation, entitled "JORGE RAFAEL COSTAS Y RODRIGUEZ, aka; JOSE ANTONIO RAFAEL ALEJANDRO SALVAT Y ROMAGUERA, IS - CUBA, RA - CUBA, ESPIONAGE," Miami file 105-2282. While it is probable that the SALVAT ROMAGUERA here mentioned is identical with the SALVAT in captioned matter, efforts to conclusively establish such identification have not yet been successful due to the lack of identifying material concerning captioned SALVAT.

Identification of the SALVAT ROMAGUERA mentioned as associated with JORGE COSTAS, was effected through exhibit of photograph of SALVAT ROMAGUERA on January 27, 1960, to FRANK PEREZ PEREZ, 1044 N. W. 2nd Street, Miami. PEREZ is a former Cuban politician and former member of the Cuban Department of Logistics, and has numerous acquaintances among Cuban element in Miami. His identity should be protected. PEREZ identified SALVAT ROMAGUERA as an individual who was a Cadet in the Cuban Navy and who was an electrical engineer during the government of ex-Cuban President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. PEREZ stated that SALVAT ROMAGUERA was an associate of JORGE COSTAS and that SALVAT ROMAGUERA some time in the past had worked for the Philco Company in connection with the construction of guided missiles. PEREZ did not know the site of SALVAT ROMAGUERA's former employment, but stated that it was somewhere out of Florida, as best he could recall, based on what he had heard. PEREZ stated that he had heard from COSTAS that SALVAT ROMAGUERA had plans for a guided missile which he knew from memory and that SALVAT ROMAGUERA at one time was attempting to find a buyer for the plans.

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